

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are present in the instant application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claims 11 and 12.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as not enabled. Claims 1-2, 4-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Allen, et al., Phys. Rev. B 57:5106-5109, 1998 in view of de Boer, Phy. Rev. B., 29(12):6797-6809, 1984. Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,376,127 to Teranishi, et al. in view of de Boer. Further Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,125,687 to Di Salvo, et al.

Via this amendment, Claims 1-10 are cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an Information Disclosure Statement for patents listed in the specification.

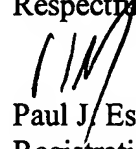
Accordingly, Applicant's have submitted an Information Disclosure Statement concurrently herewith.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that minor errors be corrected in the specification.

Accordingly, applicants have carefully reviewed the specification amending the specification to correct minor errors. No new matter has been added via this amendment.

Accordingly, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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